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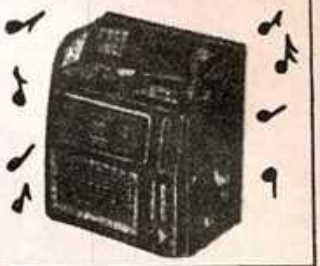

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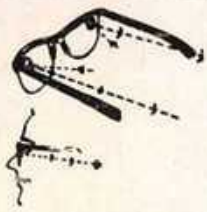

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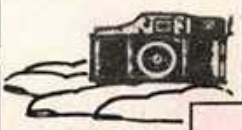

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IT'S NO USE, CHIEF! I JUST HAVEN'T GOT YOUR BRAINS! I GUESS I'LL BE JUST A REPORTER THE REST OF MY LIFE!

ONE DAY, AS LANA LANG IS VISITING WITH REPORTER LOIS LANE, THE DOORBELL RINGS, AND...
HMM! DARK HAIR AND EYES... PERT NOSE... BUZZZ... RUBY RED LIPSTICK... ACCORDING TO DATA IN MY MEMORY TANK, YOU MUST BE LOIS LANE!
YIPE! A TALKING ROBOT! WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?

THE PUZZLE IS ANSWERED AS PROFESSOR POTTER, THE ECCENTRIC SCIENTIST, APPEARS...
LADIES, PERMIT ME TO INTRODUCE MY LATEST INVENTION! I CALL HIM MANIAC! THIS PLAQUE WILL EXPLAIN MY LITTLE JEST!
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THIS I'VE GOT TO SEE! MIND IF I TRY YOUR LITTLE GADGET, PROFESSOR!
THE PROFESSOR CONSENTS TO THE TEST, THEN..
THERE! WITH THE PSYCHO-CONTACTOR IN PLACE, MANIAC CAN ABSORB THE ELECTRICAL IMPULSES FROM YOUR BRAIN AND ANALYZE ALL YOUR MEMORIES! YOU MAY ASK YOUR QUESTION, MISS LANE!
I'M ALL SET, PROFESSOR!
MANIAC, TELL ME WHY LANA LANG IS VISITING ME... AND HOW LONG SHE EXPECTS TO STAY!
HMMM! SNFFF! THE SCENT OF PAINT ON MISS LANG'S CLOTHES SUGGESTS HER APARTMENT IS BEING REDECORATED! FURTHER ANALYSIS BY MY OLFACTORY SENSES INDICATE THE PAINT WILL TAKE FOUR DAYS TO DRY! THIS IS THE PROBABLE LENGTH OF HER VISIT!
AMAZING! MANIAC'S ANSWER WAS ABSOLUTELY CORRECT! MAY I TRY A QUESTION? THERE'S SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN PUZZLING ME FOR DAYS!
WELL... ER... ALL RIGHT, MISS LANG! GO AHEAD!
A WEEK AGO, IN THIS ROOM, I DROPPED A PIN THAT SUPERBOY GAVE ME WHEN I GOT OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL! IT WAS MADE OF A RARE SPACE METAL! WHERE IS THE PIN?
AND AS MANIAC REPLIES, INCREDIBLY...
SIMPLE! ACCORDING TO MEMORIES I ABSORBED FROM YOUR BRAIN WAVES, YOU DROPPED THE PIN ON THIS RUG! COMPUTING THE ANGLE OF ITS FALL, AND THE RESILIENCE OF THE RUG FIBER... I DEDUCE THAT THE MISSING PIN BOUNCED BEHIND THE RADIATOR!
YE GODS! HE'S RIGHT! HERE IT IS!
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PROFESSOR, THAT BRAIN MACHINE IS POSITIVELY INCREDIBLE! BUT WHY BRING IT HERE?
BECAUSE THE UNDERWORLD IS PLANNING TO STEAL IT! JUST THINK... MANIAC CAN COMPUTE BANK VAULT COMBINATIONS, PLAN THE MOST DARING CRIMES, AND EVEN HELP CRIMINALS ESCAPE THE POLICE! THAT'S WHY I WANT YOU TO HIDE HIM FOR ME!
YOU'RE RIGHT, PROFESSOR! LEAVE MANIAC HERE! CRIMINALS WOULD NEVER THINK OF LOOKING FOR HIM IN MY APARTMENT!
THANKS, MISS LANE... BUT A WORD OF WARNING! DON'T TAMPER WITH MANIAC! HE ISN'T PERFECTED YET! I MUST DO MORE WORK ON HIM BEFORE I TURN HIM OVER TO THE SCIENTIFIC WORLD!
LATER, AT THE DAILY PLANET, AS LOIS GETS AN ASSIGNMENT FROM EDITOR PERRY WHITE...
"ROCKY" NOBLE AND "SLASH" CARVER STOLE SOME MYSTERIOUS LOOT FROM A GANG OF FORGERS! THEY HID THE STUFF BEFORE THE POLICE NABBED THEM! YOUR JOB IS TO LOCATE THAT UNIDENTIFIED LOOT, LOIS!
I'LL CRACK THE STORY, PERRY! JUST HAND ME ALL THE DETAILS!
I'LL USE MANIAC TO HELP ME FIND THE MISSING SWAG!
WANTED
SOON, AT LOIS' APARTMENT...
PROFESSOR POTTER WARNED ME NOT TO USE HIS BRAIN MACHINE! BUT THIS CASE IS VITALLY IMPORTANT! I'M SURE HE WOULDN'T MIND!
M A N I
AFTER LOIS HAS FED THE CRIMINALS' RECORDS INTO THE MACHINE...
ACCORDING TO YOUR DATA, NOBLE IS AN AMATEUR SKIN-DIVER! HUMMM! CARVER HAS A HOUSE NEAR PINE LAKE... BUZZZ! FACTORS INDICATE MISSING PLUNDER IS AT BOTTOM OF PINE LAKE!
MANIAC WORKS FASTER THAN SHERLOCK HOLMES! PINE LAKE, EH? IT'S WORTH CHECKING!
M A N I A C
LATER, IN A HIRED DIVING OUTFIT, LOIS SCOURS THE BOTTOM OF PINE LAKE AND...
THERE'S THE LOOT, JUST AS MANIAC PREDICTED! IF I CUT THE ANCHOR ROPE, THAT FLOAT WOULD LIFT THE SUITCASE UP TO THE SURFACE!
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SOON, ON THE SURFACE, WHERE JIMMY OLSEN WAITS TO HELP..
THE MISSING LOOT! LOIS, YOU'RE TERRIFIC! HOW DID YOU FIGURE OUT WHERE IT WAS?
ER...IT'S SIMPLE! I USED MY BRAIN!
MY SUPER-BRAIN, THAT IS! CHUCKLE!

MOMENTS LATER, AS THE SUITCASE IS OPENED...
GERONIMO! LOOK AT THE LOOT! IT'S A SUITCASE FULL OF PHONEY BADGES FROM EVERY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN THE COUNTRY!
THESE COUNTERFEIT BADGES WOULD HAVE ALLOWED CRIMINALS TO POSE AS LAWMEN... AND GET AWAY WITH ANY CRIME IN THE BOOK!

AFTERWARD, AT THE OFFICE OF THE DAILY PLANET...
MEN, TAKE A LOOK AT A REAL REPORTER!... LOIS LANE! I'M GOING TO GIVE HER A SPECIAL REWARD FOR BREAKING THIS COUNTERFEIT BADGE STORY!
AH, HERE IT COMES! PERRY'S FINALLY GOING TO GIVE ME THE SALARY RAISE I'VE BEEN ASKING FOR ALL YEAR!

FROM NOW ON, LOIS, YOU CAN TAKE AN EXTRA TEN MINUTES FOR LUNCH!
BOSS, YOUR GENEROSITY OVERWHELMS ME!
THE TIGHTWAD! YOU'D NEED A CROWBAR TO PRY HIM LOOSE FROM A NICKEL! BUT I'LL GET THAT RAISE YET!

INGENIOUSLY, LOIS KNOWS JUST HOW TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM... AND THAT NIGHT...
MANIAC, HERE'S THE PERSONAL DATA ON MY BOSS, PERRY WHITE... AND THE DETAILS OF HOW THE DAILY PLANET OPERATES! NOW ANALYZE THESE FACTORS AND TELL ME HOW TO GO ABOUT GETTING A RAISE!
HUMMM
BUZZZ
TIK!
TIK!
MAN
IN

SWIFTLY ANALYZING THE DATA, MANIAC COMES UP WITH THE ANSWER...
ACCORDING TO YOUR MEMORY CELLS AND THE DATA SUPPLIED, PERRY WHITE IS IN MOST GENEROUS MOOD AFTER EATING FAVORITE LUNCH OF MEAT-LOAF SANDWICH WITH CREOLE SAUCE AND PICCALILLY RELISH FOLLOWED BY A KING CORONA CIGAR. WHITE ALSO LIKES YOU BEST WHEN YOU'RE WEARING YOUR BLUE SUIT AND RED HAT...
FOR PETE'S SAKE, SLOW DOWN! I WANT TO GET THIS ALL STRAIGHT!

THE NEXT MORNING, IN LOIS' KITCHEN...
FOR GOODNESS SAKE! BAKING A MEAT-LOAF SO EARLY IN THE MORNING? WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA, LOIS?
♫ YUM-TUM TA-TEE! ♫
IT'S A LITTLE SURPRISE I'M WHIPPING UP FOR SOMEONE, LANA DEAR!

THEN, ON THE WAY TO THE OFFICE...
ACCORDING TO MANIAC, PERRY LOVES TO SEE ME WEARING THIS BLUE OUTFIT AND RED HAT!... AND OH YES, I MUSTN'T FORGET THAT KING CORONA CIGAR PERRY ALWAYS ENJOYS AFTER LUNCH!
TOBACCO
U.S. MAIL

AND WHEN THE NOON HOUR STRIKES...
LUNCHEON IS SERVED, PERRY! I MADE IT MYSELF--AND KEPT IT WARM FOR YOU IN THIS PICNIC BASKET!
A HOT MEAT-LOAF SANDWICH WITH CREOLE SAUCE AND PICCALILLY RELISH! MY FAVORITE LUNCH! LOIS, HOW THOUGHTFUL OF YOU!

AS PREDICTED, PERRY ENDS HIS LUNCH IN A GENEROUS MOOD...
YOU'RE A JEWEL... THE BEST REPORTER ON MY STAFF! I'M GIVING YOU A TEN-DOLLAR RAISE! KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK AND YOU'LL GO FAR!
WHY, THANK YOU, PERRY! WITH MANIAC TO HELP ME, I COULD BE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF WHEN PERRY RETIRES!

AND THAT NIGHT, LOIS DREAMS OF A ROSY FUTURE...
KEEP WORKING HARD, CLARK, AND SOME DAY I MAY MAKE YOU MY ASSISTANT!
IT'S HOPELESS, CHIEF! I JUST HAVEN'T GOT YOUR TALENTS! I GUESS I'LL BE A REPORTER THE REST OF MY LIFE!
PULITZER PRIZE
NOBEL PRIZE
WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD
LOIS LANE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
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THE NEXT MORNING, IN LOIS' APARTMENT...
THAT ELECTRONIC BRAIN IS JUST FANTASTIC! IT HELPED ME GET MY BIGGEST SCOOP AND SHOWED ME HOW TO GET A RAISE! SUCH INCREDIBLE BRAIN POWER REMINDS ME OF SUPERMAN AND...
HEY! THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA!

MANIAC, HERE'S YOUR BIGGEST PROBLEM! A PUZZLE I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO SOLVE! HOW CAN I GET THE MAN OF MY DREAMS TO MARRY ME?
HUMMM BUZZZ
CLICK
ANALYSIS OF PREVIOUS DATA INFORMS ME THAT THE MAN OF YOUR DREAMS WILL BE AT LOOKOUT POINT IN AN HOUR! TO GET HIM TO PROPOSE, REPEAT THE WORDS PRINTED ON THIS SLIP OF PAPER! DO NOT READ IT UNTIL IN HIS ARMS!
IT SOUNDS TOO SIMPLE! BUT MANIAC'S NEVER BEEN WRONG BEFORE! I'LL GIVE IT A TRY!
BUT INQUISITIVE EARS HAVE BEEN LISTENING, AND...
SO LOIS IS USING MANIAC'S BRAIN POWER TO HELP HER SINK HER HOOKS INTO SUPERMAN?... WELL, LITTLE LANA HAS A FEW IDEAS OF HER OWN!
BUT ON A HUNCH, LOIS TURNS BACK, AND...
MANIAC, YOU TOLD LOIS HOW TO WIN SUPERMAN! NOW STUDY THESE FACTORS AND TELL ME HOW TO WIN THE MAN OF STEEL AWAY FROM LOIS!
SO! MY INTUITION WAS RIGHT! OF ALL THE DIRTY DOUBLE-CROSSERS!
SO, YOU OVERHEARD ME, EH? THEN YOU KNOW THAT IN JUST A MOMENT MANIAC WILL TELL ME HOW I CAN GET SUPERMAN FOR MYSELF! HA! HA! ALL'S FAIR IN LOVE AND WAR, YOU KNOW!
YOU'VE GOT YOUR NERVE, POSING AS MY BEST FRIEND! WELL, I'LL FIX YOU!
YOU DESTROYED MANIAC! YOU RUINED HIM BEFORE HE COULD TELL ME HOW TO WIN SUPERMAN FOR MY OWN! HOW MEAN CAN YOU GET?
ALL'S FAIR IN LOVE AND WAR, REMEMBER!
AND NOW TO HEAD FOR LOOKOUT POINT TO FIND THE MAN OF MY DREAMS!
RRRIPP
SPUTTER
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BUT AS LOIS ARRIVES AT LOOKOUT POINT...
HELLO, LOIS! I'M COVERING A STORY ON THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY THEY HAVE HERE EVERY JULY FOURTH!
THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG! MANIAC PREDICTED I'D FIND SUPERMAN HERE!
CLARK KENT! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

THE WORKMEN HAVE JUST FINISHED SETTING UP THE ROCKETS AND OTHER DISPLAYS! THEY'RE QUITTING FOR THE DAY. INTERESTING, ISN'T IT?
HMM! VERY INTERESTING!
PERHAPS MANIAC'S PREDICTION WAS CORRECT! I'VE ALWAYS SUSPECTED THAT CLARK KENT WAS REALLY SUPERMAN!
XXX
EXPLOSIVES
XXX

WELL, IF HE'S REALLY SUPERMAN, I'D BETTER GO INTO MY ACT! MANIAC SAID I WAS TO REPEAT THE WORDS PRINTED ON THIS SLIP OF PAPER!
OH, OH! LOIS HAS THAT SOULFUL LOOK SHE ALWAYS GETS WHEN SHE SUSPECTS I'M SUPERMAN!
CLARK, DARLING, NOW THAT WE'RE ALONE, THERE'S SOMETHING I MUST TELL YOU!

BUT BY A QUIRK OF FATE, A SUDDEN GUST OF WIND SPRINGS UP, AND...
MY HAT! CATCH IT!
LOIS, BE CAREFUL! YOU'VE KNOCKED OFF MY GLASSES!

OH, DEAR, THAT SLIP OF PAPER! IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO ME! DON'T JUST STAND THERE, SUPERMAN! CATCH IT!
ULP! I WAS RIGHT! SHE BELIEVES I'M SUPERMAN! I'VE GOT TO CONVINCE HER SHE'S MISTAKEN!

FOR PETE'S SAKE, LOIS, STOP BABBLING ABOUT SUPERMAN, AND HELP ME FIND MY GLASSES!
THERE THEY ARE JUST BENEATH US... ULP! THEY'VE ACCIDENTALLY FOCUSED THE SUN'S RAYS!... AND TOUCHED OFF THOSE FUSES ON THE FIREWORKS!
EXPL

AN INSTANT LATER...
THE PLATFORM! IT'S COLLAPSING FROM THE VIBRATIONS CAUSED BY THE EXPLOSION! EEEEE!
IT WAS MY HEAT-VISION THAT SET OFF THOSE EXPLOSIVES! IT'S ALL PART OF MY PLAN TO PROVE I'M NOT SUPER-MAN! I'LL SUMMON ONE OF MY ROBOTS TO RESCUE US, AND LOIS WILL THINK HE'S SUPERMAN!
BARRROOM
CLARK! SAVE ME! DO SOMETHING!
BUT, LOIS, IT'S ALL I CAN DO TO HANG ON MYSELF!
SHE'S PERFECTLY SAFE AS LONG AS I'M SUPPORTING THIS WRECKAGE... NOW TO SUMMON SUPERMAN ROBOT NO. 3!
USING SUPER-VENTRILOQUISM, CLARK SENDS OUT A SUPERSONIC CALL, AND INSTANTLY A FAMILIAR FIGURE ZOOMS TO THE RESCUE...
IT'S SUPERMAN! THEN CLARK KENT CAN'T POSSIBLY BE... ULP! MANIAC MADE A TERRIBLE MISTAKE!
THANKS, SUPERMAN! YOU HAPPENED TO PASS BY IN THE NICK OF TIME!
GLAD TO HELP, LOIS!
AND AS THE RESCUE IS COMPLETED...
SUPERMAN, WAIT! THERE'S SOMETHING I MUST ASK YOU! I WANT YOU TO MARRY ME! DRAT! HE'S TOO FAR AWAY TO HEAR ME!
CHUCKLE!... IF LOIS ONLY KNEW THAT WAS A SUPERMAN ROBOT ACTIVATED BY MY POWER OF SUPER-VENTRILOQUISM!
LOIS, WASN'T THERE SOMETHING YOU WANTED TO SAY TO ME? I BELIEVE... YOU WERE GOING TO PROPOSE!
ER... IT WAS ALL A MISTAKE! LET ME EXPLAIN! IT ALL STARTED WITH AN ELECTRONIC BRAIN INVENTED BY PROFESSOR POTTER!...
AS LOIS CONCLUDES HER EXPLANATION...
...SO WHEN I ASKED MANIAC TO HELP ME WIN THE MAN OF MY DREAMS, I WAS REFERRING TO SUPERMAN! I FORGOT THAT I'D DREAMED ABOUT YOU THE NIGHT BEFORE!
AND BELIEVING I WAS YOUR DREAM-MAN, MANIAC GAVE YOU SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO MAKE ME PROPOSE... MOST AMUSING! WELL, I MUST GET BACK TO WORK NOW!
SOMETHING TELLS ME I OUGHT TO CHECK ON THOSE MISSING INSTRUCTIONS!

SOON AFTERWARD, AS CLARK'S SUPER-VISION LOCATES THE MISSING NOTE IN A NEARBY STREAM...
...CLARK, DEAR, NOW THAT I KNOW YOU'RE REALLY SUPERMAN, THERE'S NO REASON FOR US TO REMAIN APART. MARRY ME, MY LOVE, AND I'LL ALWAYS KEEP YOUR SECRET!
SO THAT'S WHAT LOIS WAS SUPPOSED TO SAY TO ME TO GET ME TO PROPOSE! LUCKY SHE NEVER READ THAT NOTE! MANIAC WASN'T MISTAKEN! IT ACTUALLY COMPUTED MY SECRET IDENTITY! I'D BETTER SEE PROFESSOR POTTER AT ONCE!

AS SUPERMAN VISITS THE PROFESSOR'S LABORATORY...
I'M CONVINCED, SUPERMAN! LOIS' TAMPERING PROVED THAT MANKIND IS NOT READY TO USE MANIAC'S ENORMOUS BRAIN POWER CORRECTLY! I'LL SCRAP HIM AT ONCE!
A WISE MOVE, PROFESSOR! IN THE WRONG HANDS, THAT COMPUTER COULD BE MORE DANGEROUS THAN THE ATOM BOMB!

LATER THAT WEEK, LOIS WATCHES THE FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION ON TV...
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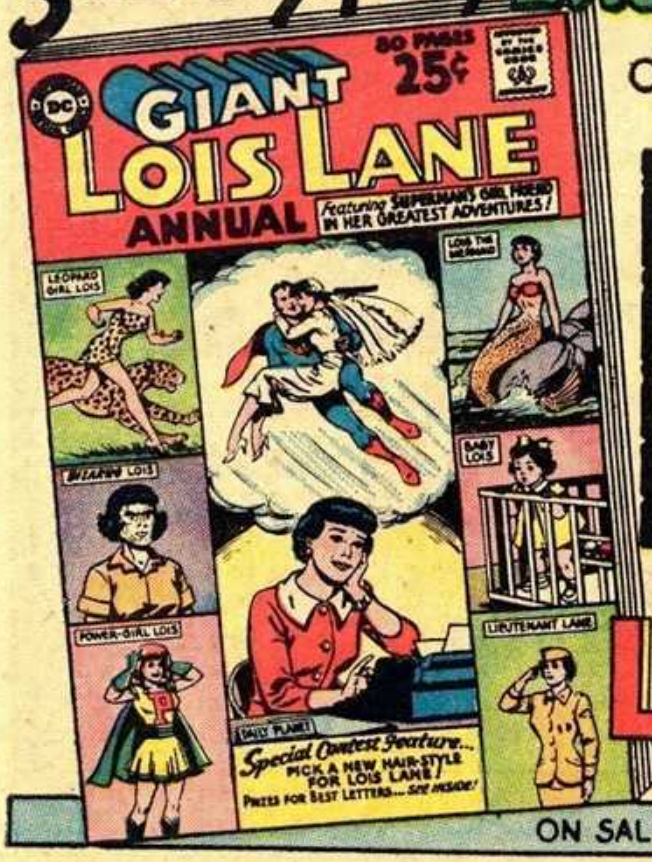

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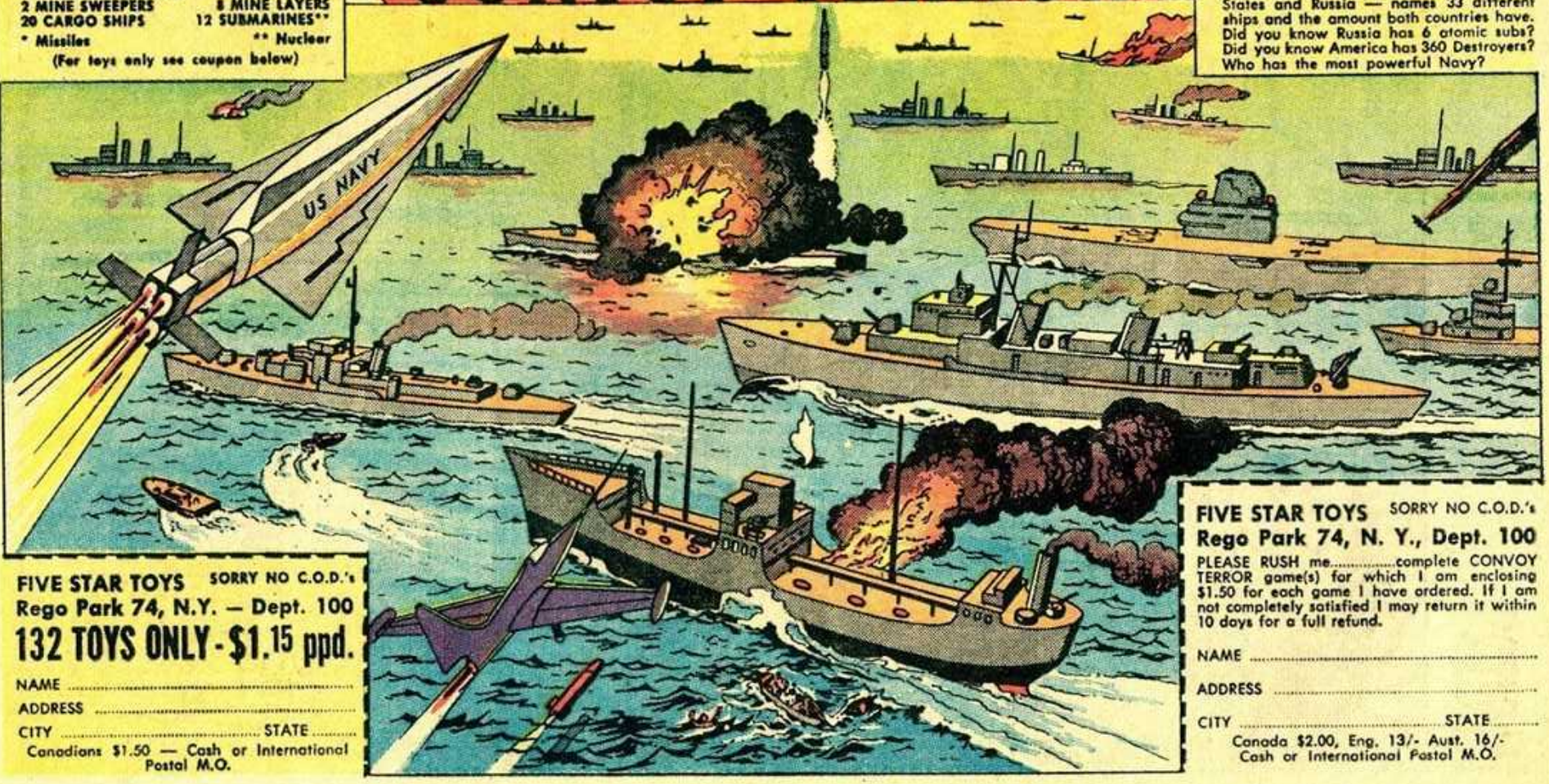

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SUPERMAN'S GIRL FRIEND LOIS LANE

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED HOW IT WOULD FEEL TO BE SOMEONE ELSE? WELL, ONE DAY, A STRANGE FREAK OF FATE CAUSES PRETTY REPORTER LOIS LANE TO FORGET HER REAL IDENTITY! MENTALLY, SHE BECOMES... ANOTHER PERSON! FOR ONE OF THE MOST UNUSUAL, SURPRISE-A-SECOND TALES OF THEM ALL, READ...

LOIS LANE'S OTHER LIFE!

LOOK AT THAT PICTURE! DISGUSTING, ISN'T IT, CLARK, THE WAY LOIS LANE ALWAYS GETS INTO TROUBLE DELIBERATELY, SO **SUPERMAN** WILL RESCUE HER! HOW DESPERATE FOR A PROPOSAL CAN A GIRL **GET**?!

OUCH!... LITTLE DOES "SHEILA" KNOW IT, BUT THE GIRL IN THIS PHOTO IS... **HERSELF!** "SHEILA" IS REALLY LOIS--WHO IS SUFFERING FROM AMNESIA WHILE DISGUISED AS SOMEONE ELSE!!

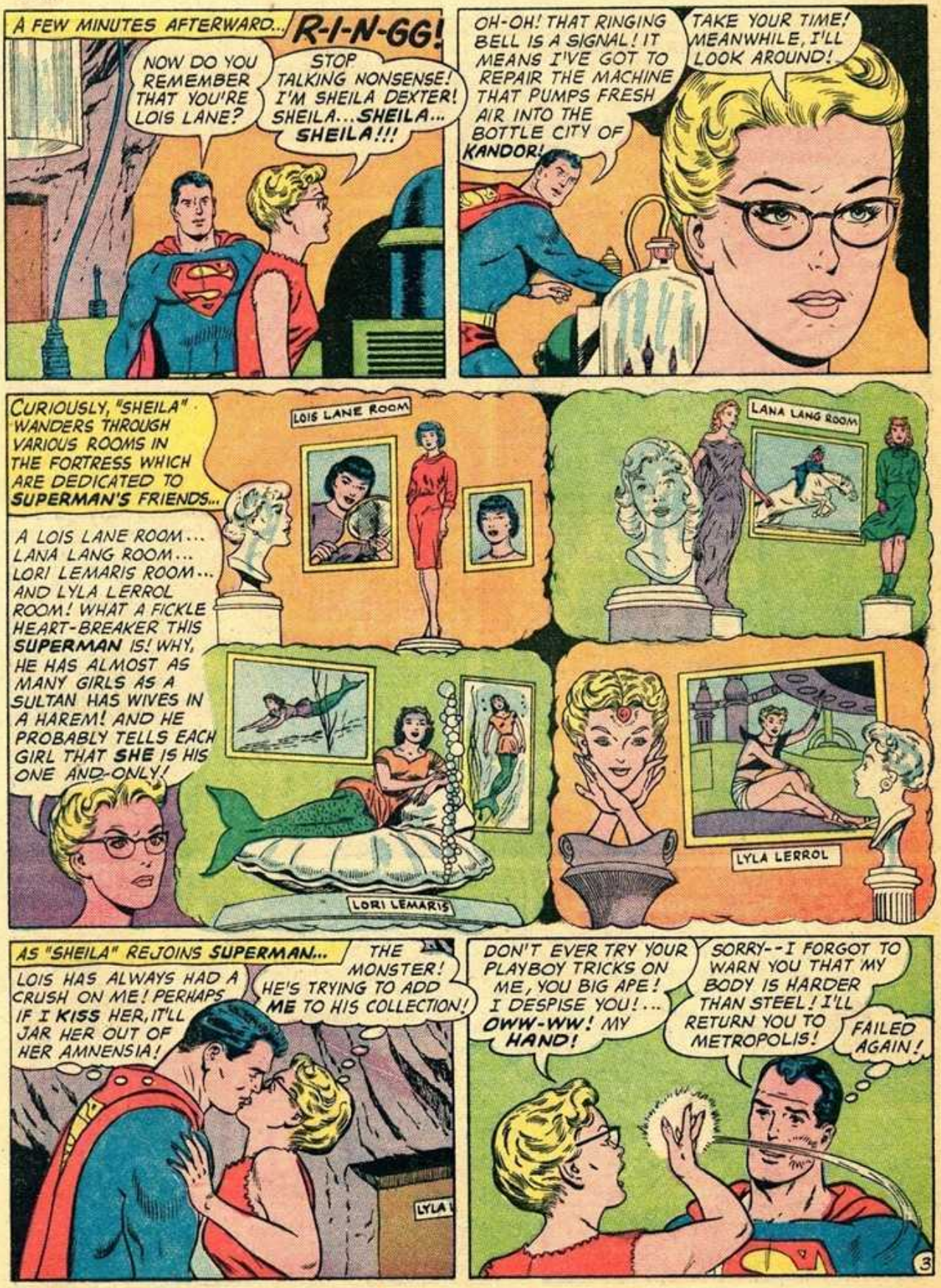
ONE MORNING, IN LOIS LANE'S APARTMENT, AS SHE BLEACHES HER HAIR...

PERRY INSISTS I INTERVIEW MOVIE STAR **ROCK STONE!** ROCK DISLIKED THE LAST WRITE-UP I GAVE HIM SO MUCH, HE SAID HE'D **NEVER** GRANT ME ANOTHER INTERVIEW!

LATER, AS SHE TINTS HER HAIR **BLONDE** AND DONS SPECTACLES CONTAINING ORDINARY GLASS LENSES...

;CHUCKLE!... ROCK WON'T RECOGNIZE ME IN THIS DISGUISE! EXIT LOIS LANE! THE FAKED CREDENTIALS I'LL CARRY IN MY WALLET WILL IDENTIFY ME AS... REPORTER SHEILA DEXTER!

BUT PRESENTLY, AS "SHEILA" DRIVES TOWARD THE MOVIE STUDIO...
A BLOW-OUT!... GASP!... I'M GOING OFF THE ROAD!!
BWAMM!
SIGHTING THE GIRL REPORTER'S PERIL AS HE PATROLS METROPOLIS, SUPERMAN STREAKS INTO ACTION...
MY SUPER-VISION REVEALS LOIS HAS DISGUISED HERSELF, FOR SOME REASON! OH-OH! SHE'S BANGED HER HEAD AGAINST A CAR DOOR WINDOW!
SECONDS LATER, AS THE MAN OF STEEL LOWERS THE AUTO SAFELY TO THE GROUND...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, LOIS?
WHO ARE YOU, FLYING MAN? AND WHY DO YOU CALL ME LOIS, WHEN MY NAME IS--SHEILA?
THE DISGUISE DOESN'T FOOL ME! YOU'RE LOIS LANE, AND YOU KNOW IT AS WELL AS YOU KNOW THAT I'M SUPERMAN!
THESE IDENTIFICATION PAPERS PROVE I'M PLANET REPORTER SHEILA DEXTER! STOP INSISTING I'M SOMEONE ELSE!
QUICKLY, SUPERMAN FLIES "SHEILA" NORTHWARD....
LET ME GO! WH-WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?
YOU'LL SEE!
EVIDENTLY, THAT BANG ON THE HEAD GAVE LOIS AMNESIA, CAUSING HER TO BELIEVE SHE'S THE WOMAN SHE PRETENDED TO BE!
SOON, INSIDE THE MAN OF STEEL'S ARCTIC FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE...
I HOPE RADIATIONS FROM AMNESIUM--A MINERAL I ONCE FOUND IN OUTER SPACE--WILL RESTORE LOIS' MIND TO NORMAL! THERE'S A SLIGHT POSSIBILITY IT MAY SUCCEED!


A FEW MINUTES AFTERWARD...
R-I-N-GG!
NOW DO YOU REMEMBER THAT YOU'RE LOIS LANE?
STOP TALKING NONSENSE! I'M SHEILA DEXTER! SHEILA...SHEILA... SHEILA!!!
OH-OH! THAT RINGING BELL IS A SIGNAL! IT MEANS I'VE GOT TO REPAIR THE MACHINE THAT PUMPS FRESH AIR INTO THE BOTTLE CITY OF KANDOR!
TAKE YOUR TIME! MEANWHILE, I'LL LOOK AROUND!
CURIOUSLY, "SHEILA" WANDERS THROUGH VARIOUS ROOMS IN THE FORTRESS WHICH ARE DEDICATED TO SUPERMAN'S FRIENDS...
LOIS LANE ROOM
LANA LANG ROOM
A LOIS LANE ROOM... LANA LANG ROOM... LORI LEMARIS ROOM... AND LYLA LERROL ROOM! WHAT A FICKLE HEART-BREAKER THIS SUPERMAN IS! WHY, HE HAS ALMOST AS MANY GIRLS AS A SULTAN HAS WIVES IN A HAREM! AND HE PROBABLY TELLS EACH GIRL THAT SHE IS HIS ONE AND-ONLY!
LORI LEMARIS
LYLA LERROL
AS "SHEILA" REJOINS SUPERMAN...
LOIS HAS ALWAYS HAD A CRUSH ON ME! PERHAPS IF I KISS HER, IT'LL JAR HER OUT OF HER AMNESIA!
THE MONSTER! HE'S TRYING TO ADD ME TO HIS COLLECTION!
DON'T EVER TRY YOUR PLAYBOY TRICKS ON ME, YOU BIG APE! I DESPISE YOU!... OWW-WW! MY HAND!
SORRY--I FORGOT TO WARN YOU THAT MY BODY IS HARDER THAN STEEL! I'LL RETURN YOU TO METROPOLIS!
FAILED AGAIN!
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AFTER SUPERMAN FLIES "SHEILA" TO THE DAILY PLANET IN METROPOLIS, HE CHANGES TO HIS SECRET IDENTITY OF REPORTER CLARK KENT. THEN...
THAT'S REALLY LOIS OVER THERE, PERRY! SUPERMAN TOLD ME SHE'S SUFFERING FROM AMNESIA AND BELIEVES HERSELF TO BE "REPORTER SHEILA DEXTER"!
POOR KID! I WISH WE COULD HELP HER, CHIEF!
I'VE GOT IT, JIMMY! I'LL TELL HER TO LOOK OVER BACK ISSUES AND WRITE AN ARTICLE ON SUPERMAN! MAYBE REVIEWING THE OLD STORIES WILL RESTORE HER MEMORY!
EAGERLY, "SHEILA" GETS TO WORK ON THE ASSIGNMENT...
I'VE BROUGHT YOU SOMETHING TO EAT. YOU GOT SO ABSORBED IN YOUR JOB, YOU FORGOT TO GO TO LUNCH.
THANKS, CLARK! YOU'RE VERY THOUGHTFUL!
LATER, THAT EVENING...
IT'S SWEET OF YOU TO INSIST ON REMAINING TO HELP ME OUT!
IT'S A PLEASURE! ER... IS THERE ANYTHING ABOUT THE SUPERMAN ARTICLES THAT GOT A SPECIAL REACTION OUT OF YOU?
YES, THIS REPORTER LOIS LANE WHO IS NOW ABROAD ON AN ASSIGNMENT--GOODNESS, WHAT A PEST! THE WAY SHE ALWAYS CHASES AFTER SUPERMAN IS... PATHETIC! I KNOW WHY SHE KEEPS GETTING INTO DANGER!
DAILY
OBVIOUSLY, SHE HOPES THAT IF HE KEEPS SAVING HER, HE'LL DEVELOP A PROTECTIVE FEELING TOWARD HER, AND PERHAPS PROPOSE SOME DAY! WHAT A CHEAP TRICK! THAT GIRL HAS NO PRIDE!
ULP! SHE DOESN'T KNOW SHE'S CRITICIZING... HERSELF!
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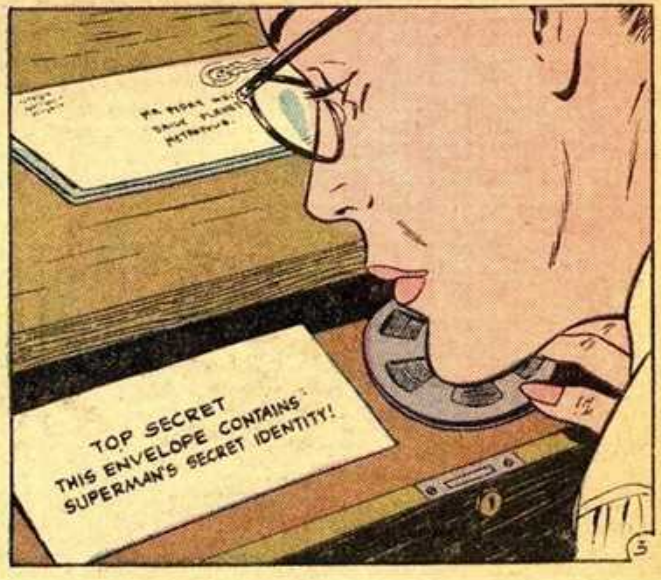
NOW IF I WERE LOIS LANE, I WOULDN'T FALL FOR THAT BIG SHOW-OFF, SUPERMAN... I'D GO FOR A NICE, QUIET, SHY FELLOW LIKE YOU!
IMAGINE LOIS PREFERRING CLARK TO SUPERMAN! HER AMNESIA IS CAUSING STRANGE THINGS!

AS "SHEILA" LEAVES THE ROOM TO GET MORE BACK ISSUES, CLARK TYPES HER NOTES AT SUPER-SPEED..
I DON'T WANT HER TO BE STUCK HERE ALL NIGHT!

WHEN SHE RETURNS...
THANK YOU, BUT HOW COULD YOU TYPE ALL THIS SO QUICKLY??
I'M A FAST TYPIST, HA, HA!
SHE WAS GONE FIFTEEN MINUTES! BUT IT TOOK ME LESS THAN ONE MINUTE TO TYPE ALL THIS!

NEXT MORNING...
DID WORKING ON THAT ARTICLE RESTORE HER MEMORY?
NO, PERRY!
UNLESS LOIS SNAPS OUT OF HER AMNESIA SOON, HER CONDITION MAY WORSEN, AND PERHAPS EVEN BECOME PERMANENT! --I MUST THINK OF SOMETHING...!

SHORTLY, GETTING AN IDEA, CLARK MAKES CERTAIN PREPARATIONS. THEN...
GLAD TO!
SHEILA, PLEASE GET ME A TAPED INTERVIEW LOIS MADE BEFORE SHE LEFT FOR EUROPE. I NEED IT FOR REFERENCE. THE TAPE'S IN THE TOP DRAWER OF PERRY'S DESK.


TOP SECRET
THIS ENVELOPE CONTAINS SUPERMAN'S SECRET IDENTITY!

IN THE NEWSROOM, CLARK WATCHES "SHEILA" WITH HIS SUPER-VISION...
THAT ENVELOPE WAS PLANTED BY ME!... LOIS WAS ALWAYS TERRIBLY CURIOUS ABOUT SUPERMAN'S SECRET IDENTITY. MAYBE IF HER CURIOSITY IS AROUSED ON THAT SUBJECT AGAIN, IT'LL RESTORE HER MEMORY!
PERRY WHITE EDITOR
BUT THEN...
SHE IGNORED THE ENVELOPE, WITH A BORED EXPRESSION, AND REACHED FOR THE TAPE, INSTEAD! MY STRATEGY FAILED... SHE WOULDN'T HAVE LEARNED MY IDENTITY IF SHE'D OPENED THE ENVELOPE, BECAUSE NOTHING WAS INSIDE!
PRESENTLY...
AN IDEA JUST OCCURRED TO ME, CLARK! IF "SHEILA" WERE TO CHANGE HER APPEARANCE SO THAT SHE LOOKS LIKE LOIS USED TO, IT MIGHT RESTORE HER MEMORY!
IT'S WORTH TRYING, PERRY!
AND SO...
"SHEILA", I NEED A PICTURE OF LOIS LANE TO ILLUSTRATE AN ARTICLE SHE'S SENT FROM EUROPE. YOU RESEMBLE HER SOMEWHAT. WILL YOU PLEASE DYE YOUR HAIR BLACK, TAKE OFF YOUR GLASSES, AND POSE FOR A FAKED PHOTO?
ALL RIGHT!
AFTER "SHEILA" DYES HER HAIR AND REMOVES HER GLASSES...
GOSH, SHE SURE LOOKS LIKE LOIS AGAIN, DOESN'T SHE?
WHY SHOULDN'T SHE, SINCE SHE IS LOIS, YOU IDIOT! LET'S HOPE THIS STUNT MAKES HER REALIZE WHO SHE REALLY IS!
BUT WHEN THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SESSION IS ENDED...
I MAY LOOK LIKE LOIS, BUT I'M SURE GLAD I'M NOT THAT SILLY DRIP!
AWP! I FAILED!
LOIS NEEDS HELP BADLY! I'LL TRY AGAIN... AS SUPERMAN!
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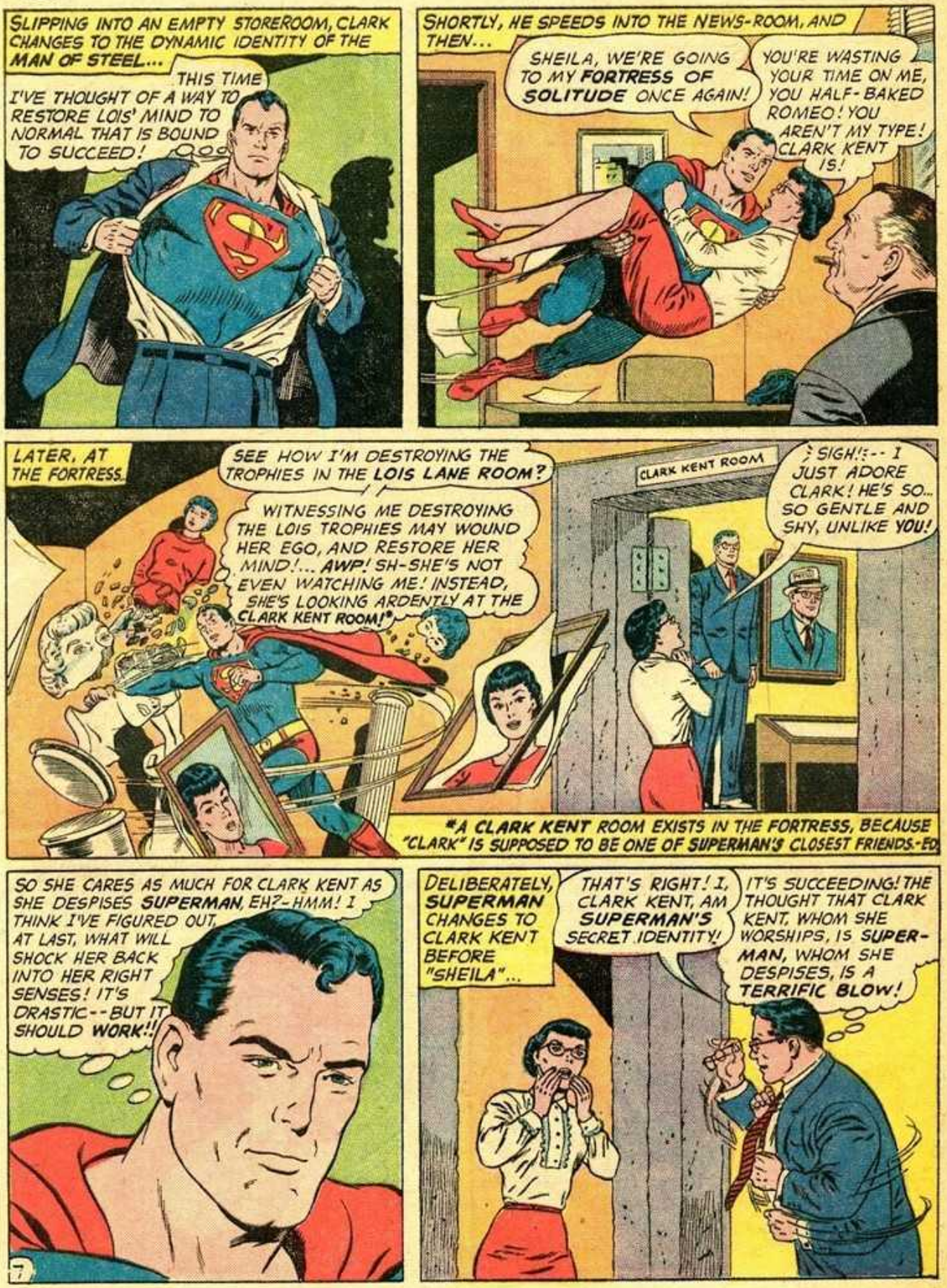
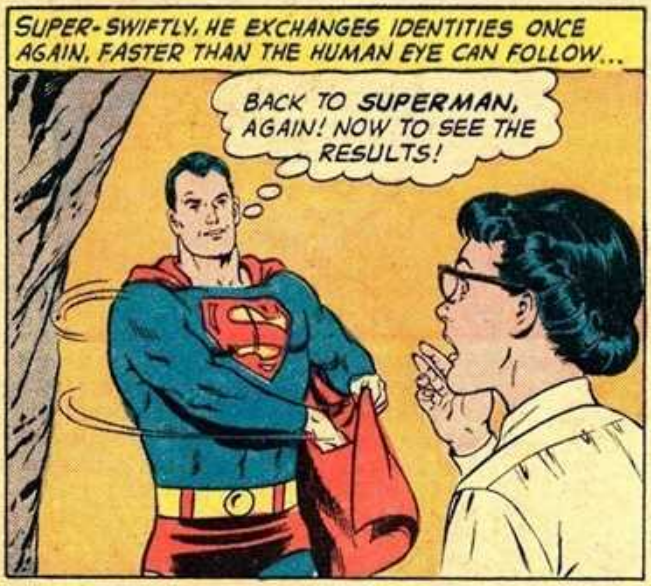

SLIPPING INTO AN EMPTY STOREROOM, CLARK CHANGES TO THE DYNAMIC IDENTITY OF THE MAN OF STEEL...
THIS TIME I'VE THOUGHT OF A WAY TO RESTORE LOIS' MIND TO NORMAL THAT IS BOUND TO SUCCEED!
SHORTLY, HE SPEEDS INTO THE NEWS-ROOM, AND THEN...
SHEILA, WE'RE GOING TO MY FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE ONCE AGAIN!
YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME ON ME, YOU HALF-BAKED ROMEO! YOU AREN'T MY TYPE! CLARK KENT IS!
LATER, AT THE FORTRESS.
SEE HOW I'M DESTROYING THE TROPHIES IN THE LOIS LANE ROOM?
WITNESSING ME DESTROYING THE LOIS TROPHIES MAY WOUND HER EGO, AND RESTORE HER MIND!... AWP! SH-SHE'S NOT EVEN WATCHING ME! INSTEAD, SHE'S LOOKING ARDENTLY AT THE CLARK KENT ROOM!*
CLARK KENT ROOM
SIGH!-- I JUST ADORE CLARK! HE'S SO... SO GENTLE AND SHY, UNLIKE YOU!
*A CLARK KENT ROOM EXISTS IN THE FORTRESS, BECAUSE "CLARK" IS SUPPOSED TO BE ONE OF SUPERMAN'S CLOSEST FRIENDS.-ED
SO SHE CARES AS MUCH FOR CLARK KENT AS SHE DESPISES SUPERMAN, EH?-HMM! I THINK I'VE FIGURED OUT, AT LAST, WHAT WILL SHOCK HER BACK INTO HER RIGHT SENSES! IT'S DRASTIC--BUT IT SHOULD WORK!!
DELIBERATELY, SUPERMAN CHANGES TO CLARK KENT BEFORE "SHEILA"...
THAT'S RIGHT! I, CLARK KENT, AM SUPERMAN'S SECRET IDENTITY!
IT'S SUCCEEDING! THE THOUGHT THAT CLARK KENT, WHOM SHE WORSHIPS, IS SUPERMAN, WHOM SHE DESPISES, IS A TERRIFIC BLOW!


SUPER-SWIFTLY, HE EXCHANGES IDENTITIES ONCE AGAIN, FASTER THAN THE HUMAN EYE CAN FOLLOW...
BACK TO SUPERMAN, AGAIN! NOW TO SEE THE RESULTS!

A SPLIT-INSTANT AFTERWARD...
HER MIND'S RESTORED...
SUPERMAN! WHAT AM I DOING HERE?
AND, JUST AS I'D COUNTED ON, SHE DOESN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING THAT HAPPENED DURING THE PERIOD OF HER AMNESIA!

THEREFORE, MY SECRET IDENTITY IS STILL UNKNOWN TO HER!... I'LL RECONSTRUCT THE SMASHED TROPHIES IN THE LOIS LANE ROOM LATER!
YOU WERE SUFFERING FROM AMNESIA, LOIS, BUT YOU'RE ALL RIGHT NOW!
;GASP!;... IMAGINE THAT!
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AFTER SUPERMAN RETURNS LOIS TO THE PLANET, IN METROPOLIS...
HA, HA! TO THINK YOU PREFERRED CLARK TO SUPERMAN WHEN YOU HAD AMNESIA!
THAT PROVES I WAS OFF MY ROCKER!
The End.

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Dear Editor: Happy Fourth Anniversary to you! In case you didn't realize it, LOIS LANE Comics is now four years old. So, congratulations, and may this great magazine celebrate many more anniversaries!

Scott Etheridge, Columbus, Ga.

(Of course we were aware of this special occasion—which is why we celebrated it by publishing the first GIANT LOIS LANE ANNUAL, now on sale at all large newsstands.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: In the recent story, "The Widow in Black," you show Baron Nightshade with a poison ring on his left hand (Page 4, panel 3). Yet, in the very next panel, you show it on his right hand. Did the costume Perry White was wearing give him the super power to switch a ring from one hand to another instantaneously?

Mike Laurence, Coventry, R. I.

(You're right—it should have been left.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I enjoyed the story, "The Silver Coin of Fate," but one point bothers me. Near the end of the story, the minister pronounced Lois and the Bizarro creature man and wife. So, if Lois is now married to this Bizarro, doesn't that end her romance with Superman?

Joseph Tommaro, Philadelphia, Pa.

(The marriage was declared illegal, on the grounds that the groom had used false pretenses to win his bride. He had pretended that he was the real Superman, when actually he was an impostor. In our courts, a sham of this sort is considered grounds for an annulment.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I think I've discovered a way for Superman to marry Lana Lang and Lois Lane. He could take them both into the past with him, back into ancient times, where a man could have more than one wife. How about it?

Maria Vlahopoulos, Forest Hills, N. Y.

(While it is true that King Soloman had 1,000 wives, we're afraid that Superman's morals have conditioned him to view the multiple-wife deal with disfavor.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Confess you made a boo-boo in the story, "Lois Lane's Revenge on Superman." You showed Lois spilling that Youth Serum on Superman, which caused him to become transformed into a child? Inasmuch as only Kryptonite can affect Superman, how could the serum possibly have changed him?

Robert McArty, Indianapolis, Ind.

(The story distinctly stated that the Youth Serum was a magic potion. If you are a regular Superman reader, you'd know that the Man of Steel is vulnerable to the spells from sorcerers like Merlin and Loki, and magic from characters like Mr. Mxyzptlk. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: In the past, you've featured stories in which we saw Superman and Jimmy Olsen as a baby. Will you ever show Lois Lane as a child?

Virginia Kelley, Los Angeles, Calif.

(Lois Lane No. 26 featured a story, "Lois Lane's Childhood."—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I've noticed there are quite a number of fans who are always complaining about Lois Lane's "snoopiness." Over the years Lois has been one of the most conscientiously developed characters in the comic field. Lois is as unpredictable as the typical female. This is what makes her so popular with me. Her "snoopiness" is natural curiosity, which every good reporter has. Her good qualities far outweigh her bad ones, as evidenced by many stories. Oh, I agree that she sometimes is a nuisance to the Man of Steel. But think of the numerous occasions when she's helped him and, a couple of times, even saved his life. So I beg of those who criticize Lois Lane—please stop picking on the girl.

Melvin Herbers, Elyria, Ohio.

(After your eloquent plea in defense of Lois, we really think she should insist that Superman make you his best man, should the two ever marry.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I enjoyed the recent story, "The Phantom Lois Lane," but I wish you would give us a more complete description of the Phantom Zone. Is it cold or hot, do people age in it while they are there, do the creatures we know as ghosts inhabit it? Can Aquaman receive messages from the Phantom Zone with his limited telepathic powers?

Rick Wood, Memphis, Tenn.

(You ask too many questions for us to answer fully in this limited space. However, we are planning a definitive story about the Phantom Zone for a future issue of SUPERMAN Magazine which should clarify these points for you.—Ed.)

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The FANTASTIC WIGS OF MR. DUPRE!

CHOOSE ANY WIG YOU LIKE, MISS LANE, BUT REMEMBER...ACCORDING TO THE LEGENDARY MAGIC SPELL, YOU WILL BE DESTINED TO THE SAME FATE AS THE FAMOUS PERSON WHOSE WIG YOU'RE WEARING!

YOU MEAN THAT IF I WEAR THIS CLEOPATRA WIG I MIGHT DIE OF SNAKE-BITE? THAT'S RIDICULOUS! THERE ARE NO SNAKES IN THE STREETS OF METROPOLIS!

S CAESAR | MARIE ANTOINETTE | CLEOPATRA | JOAN O

INVESTIGATING A WAVE OF CHARITY SWINDLES, REPORTER LOIS LANE VISITS THE STARLIGHT FLOATING THEATER AT ROCKPORT...

UNDERWORLD RUMORS SAY A MYSTERY SWINDLER CALLED "THE MASQUERADER" IS BEHIND THOSE CHARITY FRAUDS! I HOPED I'D SPOT HIM AT THIS BENEFIT PERFORMANCE! HE MAY BE HERE IN DISGUISE!

STARLIGHT FLOATI THEATER
ORPHAN FUND BENEFIT PERFORMANCE
starring BOOTH BARRY as ALEXANDER HAMILTON in "The DUEL"

THOUGH HER SEARCH IS IN VAIN, LOIS REMAINS FOR THE PERFORMANCE...

BOOTH BARRY MAY BE AN OLD "HAS-BEEN", BUT AS ALEXANDER HAMILTON HE'S SUPERB!

THEN, AT INTERMISSION, A SURPRISE INVITATION...
Miss Lane:
I spotted you in the audience. Would you please visit me backstage after the show? I have a colorful story for you.
Booth Barry
A COLORFUL STORY, EH? WELL, I DREW A BLANK TRYING TO LOCATE THE MASQUERADER! I'LL SETTLE FOR ANY KIND OF A STORY!
LATER, BEHIND THE FLOATING STAGE...
THAT'S RIGHT, MISS LANE! THIS WIG I WORE AS ALEXANDER HAMILTON IS SUPPOSED TO BE UNDER A MAGIC SPELL! THE WEARER IS DESTINED TO HAVE THE SAME FATE AS HAMILTON!
DO TELL! THIS IS A PUBLICITY STUNT IF I EVER SAW ONE!
THEY SAY THE OLD WIG-MAKER PUT A SIMILAR CURSE ON ALL THE WIGS HE MADE BEFORE HE DIED! STILL, I DON'T BLAME YOU FOR BEING SKEPTICAL! HAMILTON WAS KILLED IN A DUEL AND I'M STILL ALIVE!
ULP! BUT AREN'T YOU TEMPTING FATE WITH THAT OLD DUELING PISTOL?
NONSENSE! THIS PISTOL ISN'T LOADED... AAAGGHH!
GREAT HEAVENS! HE'S SHOT HIMSELF, ACCIDENTALLY!
BANG
HE'S FALLEN OVERBOARD! HIS BODY'S BEING SWEPT AWAY BY THE CURRENT! IF ONLY SUPERMAN AND SUPERGIRL WERE HERE! BUT THEY'RE BOTH AWAY ON A MISSION INTO THE FUTURE!
HELP! SOMEBODY HELP, PLEASE!
AS TWO POLICEMEN ANSWER LOIS' CALL...
THE BODY MUST HAVE BEEN WASHED AWAY BY THE CURRENT!
JUST GIVE ME YOUR STATEMENT, MISS, AND WE'LL TAKE IT FROM THERE!
WHAT CAN I TELL THEM? THEY'D NEVER BELIEVE BOOTH BARRY WAS SHOT JUST LIKE HAMILTON BECAUSE OF THE CURSE ON THAT WIG!

AFRAID OF RIDICULE, LOIS TELLS ONLY THE BARE FACTS, BUT AS SHE LEAVES...

BARRY SAID THERE WERE MORE OF THESE ENCHANTED WIGS AROUND! MAYBE I OUGHT TO CHECK ON THAT QUEER STORY OF HIS!

YE OLDE WIGGE SHOPPE 39 VILLAGE LANE METROPOLIS

THE NEXT DAY, AS LOIS REPORTS TO PERRY WHITE, EDITOR OF THE METROPOLIS **DAILY PLANET**...

...I WAS SURE IT WAS A PUBLICITY GAG, PERRY, BUT AFTER BOOTH BARRY SHOT HIMSELF, I BEGAN TO WONDER ABOUT THAT SO-CALLED SPELL!

IT **STILL** SOUNDS LIKE A PUBLICITY STUNT TO ME, LOIS! WE'LL LET THE STORY COOL OFF TILL WE GET MORE DETAILS FROM ROCKPORT!

BUT LATER, BURNING CURIOSITY LURES LOIS TO A MUSTY SHOP, WHERE...

Ye Olde Wigge Shoppe

THIS IS THE ADDRESS I SAW ON BARRY'S WIG! **GULP!** WHAT A CREEPY-LOOKING JOINT! BUT I'VE JUST **GOT TO** GO IN THERE AND FIND OUT IF THE LEGEND IS TRUE!

PRESENTLY, AS LOIS INTRODUCES HERSELF...

ENCHANTED WIG, MISS LANE? I'M AFRAID THAT'S ONLY A GRUESOME LEGEND INVENTED BY THE PREVIOUS OWNER OF THIS SHOP... A LITTLE OLD MAN WHO DABBLED IN BLACK MAGIC!

WELL, ER--I WONDER IF I COULD SEE YOUR COLLECTION! IT MIGHT MAKE AN INTERESTING STORY FOR MY PAPER!

HERE YOU ARE, MISS LANE! THESE WIGS WERE MADE TO FIT THE ROLES OF ALL THE TRAGIC HEROES AND HEROINES OF HISTORY! BUT, OF COURSE THAT STORY ABOUT THE CURSE ISN'T TRUE!

ER... OF COURSE!

I WONDER WHAT HE'D SAY IF I TOLD HIM THAT BOOTH BARRY WAS KILLED WHILE WEARING THE WIG OF HAMILTON HE'D BOUGHT HERE!

THAT MARIE ANTOINETTE WIG... IT'S JUST WHAT I NEED! I'M GOING TO THE PHOTOGRAPHERS' BALL TONIGHT! I'LL BE DRESSED AS AN 18TH CENTURY BELLE... AND THAT HAIRPIECE WOULD MATCH MY COSTUME PERFECTLY!

CERTAINLY, MISS LANE!

I MUST TRY ONE OF THOSE WIGS AND FIND OUT IF THE LEGEND OF THE CURSE IS REALLY TRUE!

THAT NIGHT, LOIS IS THE BELLE OF THE BALL...
THIS MARIE ANTOINETTE WIG SEEMS TO BE WORKING... IN A WAY! EVERYONE'S TREATING ME LIKE A QUEEN!
YOU DANCE DIVINELY, MONSIEUR PERRY WHITE!
THANK YOU, MADAMOISELLE LOIS!

JUST THEN...
OOOH!
WATCH IT, CLUMSY! YOU NEARLY KNOCKED MY PARTNER OVER!
SORRY, SIR! THIS WATERMELON'S HARD TO HANDLE!

BUT A HEARTBEAT LATER, A FLASHING OBJECT DROPS FROM THE BALCONY ABOVE...
THUNNKK!
YIIII! THAT FALLING TRAY SLICED RIGHT THROUGH THAT MELON!

A MIGHTY CLOSE CALL FOR YOU, LOIS! IF THAT WAITER HADN'T PUSHED YOU ASIDE, THAT HEAVY METAL TRAY WOULD HAVE STRUCK YOU LIKE A GUILLOTINE!
ULP! LIKE A GUILLOTINE! AND MARIE ANTOINETTE DIED ON THE GUILLOTINE! THEN MAYBE THE WIG I'M WEARING IS CURSED AFTER ALL!

PERRY, I DON'T FEEL VERY WELL! WOULD YOU MIND TAKING ME HOME?
OF COURSE, LOIS! YOU'RE ALL SHAKEN UP! I UNDERSTAND!
I'D BETTER GET HOME WHILE I'M STILL ALIVE! I DON'T DARE TELL PERRY ABOUT THIS WIG! HE'D CALL IT SUPERSTITIOUS NONSENSE!

BUT THE NEXT DAY, LOIS COURAGEOUSLY RETURNS TO THE WIG SHOP...
THAT FALLING TRAY WAS PROBABLY JUST A COINCIDENCE! BUT I'VE JUST GOT TO FIND OUT IF THERE REALLY IS A SPELL ON THOSE WIGS IN THIS SHOP! THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO SETTLE IT!
ANTON DUPRÉ, PROPRIETOR.

PRESENTLY...
MR. DUPRÉ, THAT MARIE ANTOINETTE WIG HAD... ER...QUITE AN EFFECT! I'D LIKE TO BUY THAT JOAN OF ARC HAIRPIECE!
WHY, OF COURSE! ANYTHING YOU WISH, MADAME!
CAESAR
JOAN OF ARC

THE NEXT DAY, AS LOIS COVERS AN ASSIGNMENT...
I'VE WORN THIS WIG ALL DAY, BUT NOTHING UNUSUAL HAS HAPPENED YET! HMM! I WONDER IF THIS IS THE KIND OF HAIR-DO JOAN OF ARC REALLY WORE!

TO CHECK ON THE WIG, LOIS VISITS THE METROPOLIS MUSEUM...
HMM! THE HAIR STYLE OF THAT WIG SEEMS TO BE AUTHENTIC, ALL RIGHT! BUT I DON'T BELIEVE THERE'S A MAGIC SPELL ATTACHED TO IT! SO FAR NOTHING HAS HAPPENED TO ME!

THEN, IN THE NEXT INCREDIBLE INSTANT...
OMIGOSH! THE DRAPERIES! THEY'RE ON FIRE! AND THE FLAMES NEARLY SET MY CLOTHES AFLAME!
JOAN OF ARC

THINKING QUICKLY, LOIS TAKES THE SWORD FROM THE NEARBY STATUE, AND...
I'D BETTER CUT THOSE BURNING DRAPES DOWN BEFORE THE FIRE SPREADS!

AS THE GUARDS ARRIVE...
I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH COURAGE! YOUR QUICK THINKING SAVED THE MUSEUM FROM DISASTER! YOU BRAVED THOSE FLAMES LIKE A MODERN JOAN OF ARC!
THAT'S RIGHT! JOAN OF ARC PERISHED IN FLAMES...AND I MIGHT HAVE DIED THE SAME WAY! THAT'S TWICE THE EVIL SPELL NEARLY WORKED!
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BUT AS LOIS SALVAGES HER WIG FROM THE ASHES...

STRANGE! THAT WIG FELL IN THE FIRE, BUT IT'S NOT EVEN SCORCHED! IT MUST HAVE BEEN KEPT FROM BURNING BY THE SPELL THAT WIG-MAKER PUT ON IT MANY YEARS AGO!

SPELL? THIS LANE DAME MUST BE A KOOK!

GUARD

AND NOW, LET US LOOK IN ON GROUP OF EVIL PLOTTERS IN THE SINISTER WIG SHOP...

NOW, BOSS! THAT FALLING TRAY ONLY MISSED GUILLOTINING HER BY INCHES! AND SHE ESCAPED THOSE BURNING DRAPES BY A SHEER MIRACLE. MAYBE WE OUGHT TO FORGET ABOUT KNOCKING HER OFF!

IDIOT! LOIS LANE MUST BE ELIMINATED CLEVERLY, BEFORE HER INVESTIGATIONS REVEAL THAT WE'RE BEHIND THAT "FAKE CHARITIES" RACKET!

MY SCHEME IS PERFECT! EVERYONE KNOWS LOIS LANE IS INVESTIGATING CHARITY RACKETS! GUN-PLAY MIGHT PUT THE FINGER ON US! BUT IF SHE HAD AN ACCIDENT WHILE WEARING ONE OF THESE WIGS, HER DEATH WOULD BE BLAMED ON THAT "MAGIC WIG" CURSE WE DREAMED UP!

THIS **SUPERGIRL** WIG SHOULD DO THE TRICK! WHEN LOIS LANE COMES BACK HERE, I'LL TELL HER THAT THIS IS A COPY OF THE WIG **SUPERGIRL** USES TO COVER UP HER SECRET IDENTITY!

I GET IT! WHEN SHE PUTS IT ON, SHE'LL TRY TO PERFORM SUPER-DEEDS... AND KNOCK HERSELF OFF! BOSS, IT CAN'T MISS!

SUPERGIRL

HOW ABOUT THAT, READERS! THESE PHONIES THINK **SUPERGIRL** WEARS A BLONDE WIG TO COVER HER DARK REAL HAIR, WHEN IT'S THE **OTHER WAY** AROUND!

BUT BOSS, HOW DO YOU KNOW SHE'LL COME BACK HERE?

YOU DON'T KNOW LOIS LANE! SHE'S GOT MORE CURIOSITY THAN A CAT! I'VE HAD HER HOOKED EVER SINCE I PRETENDED TO SHOOT MYSELF AND "FALL OVERBOARD" AS "ALEXANDER HAMILTON!"

Ye Olde Wigge Shoppe

PRESENTLY...

A COPY OF THE WIG **SUPERGIRL** WEARS TO CONCEAL HER IDENTITY! HOW FASCINATING! I REALLY MUST HAVE IT!

IT'S YOURS, MISS LANE!

HEH! HEH! SHE FELL FOR IT!

SOON AFTERWARD, AS THE CROOKS TRAIL LOIS...
LOOK, SHE'S PUT ON THAT FAKE SUPERGIRL WIG! STICK CLOSE! I WANT TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN SHE TRIES TO USE HER SUPER-POWERS!
HA! HA!
:CHUCKLE!: BOSS, YOU'RE A RIOT!
SUDDENLY...
HEY, LOOK! IT'S HI-JACK HARRY! HE'S STEALING A TRUCK-LOAD OF SILK!
SAMALL SILK
AND LOOK AT THAT LANE DAME! SHE THINKS SHE'S GOT SUPER-POWERS! SHE'S GOING TO TRY TO STOP HIM! HA! HA! HA!
YE GODS! HI-JACK HARRY IS SHOOTING AT HER! BUT THE BULLETS BOUNCE OFF AS THOUGH SHE WERE ARMOR-PLATED!
BANG! BANG!
WOW! SHE STOPPED THAT TRUCK LIKE A STONE WALL! BOSS, THAT WIG'S NO FAKE! IT REALLY WORKS! LOIS LANE HAS SUPER-POWERS!
COME ON, MEN! WE'VE GOT TO ACT FAST! LET'S GRAB THAT WIG!
KRRASSH!
BUT AS THEY CLUTCH AT THE "WIG"...
HEY! WHAT GIVES? THIS WIG WON'T COME OFF!
ULP! LOOK AT THAT COSTUME UNDERNEATH HER TORN DRESS! THAT'S NOT LOIS LANE! IT'S THE REAL SUPERGIRL!

WITH A LIGHT TAP, SUPERGIRL SENDS THEM INTO DREAMLAND...
YOU BOYS HAVE A BIG PROBLEM! YOU'D BETTER GET YOUR HEADS TOGETHER!
THUD!

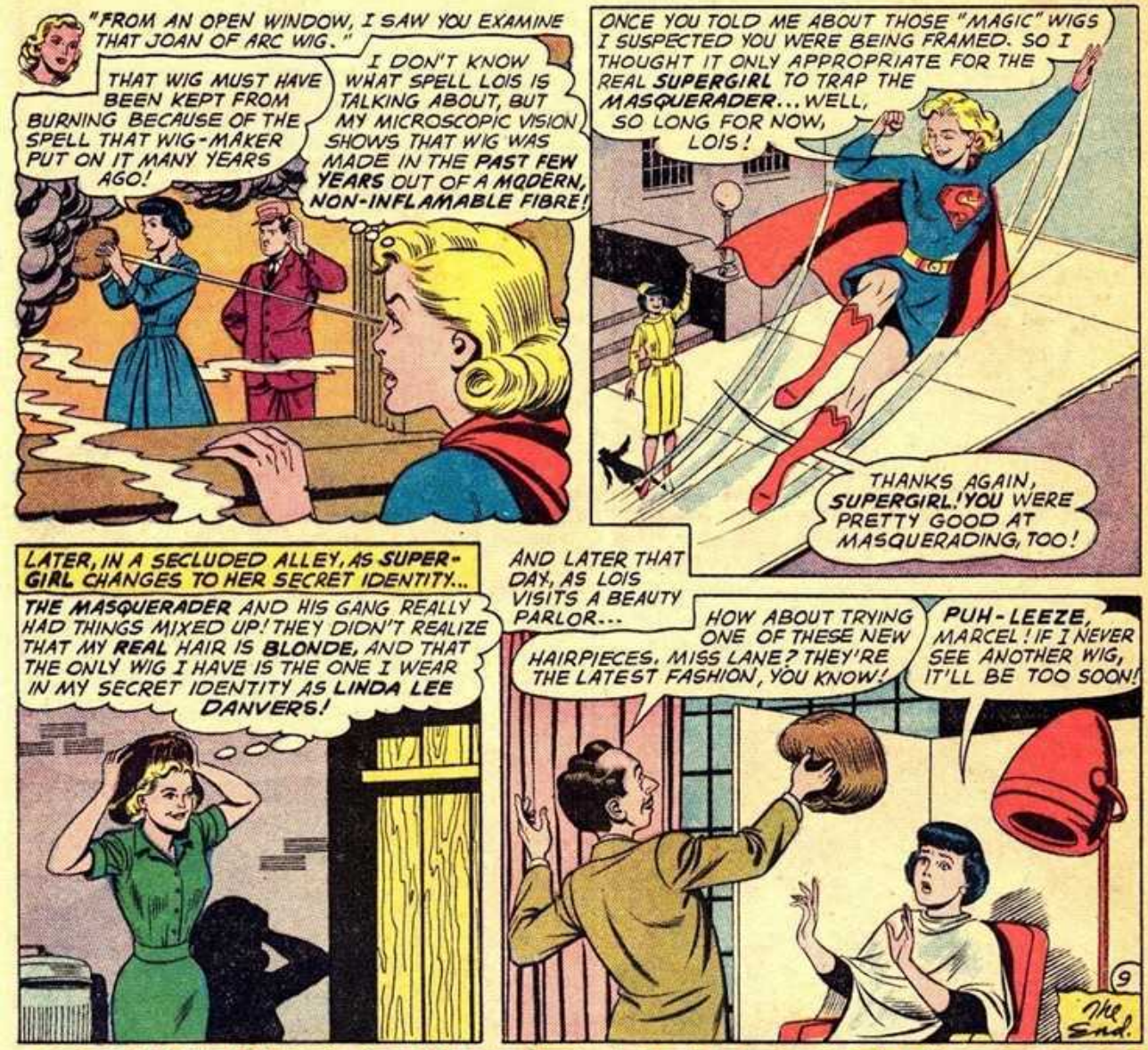
AN INSTANT LATER, THE REAL LOIS LANE SLIPS OUT OF THE BASEMENT DOOR OF THE WIG SHOP...
WELL, LOIS, DID YOU FIND OUT WHAT WAS GOING ON IN THAT WIG SHOP?
I CERTAINLY DID, SUPERGIRL! WHILE YOU WERE PRETENDING TO BE ME, I SLIPPED INTO THE BASEMENT BENEATH THE WIG SHOP WITH MY MINIATURE TAPE-RECORDER!

I'VE RECORDED ALL THE DETAILS OF THEIR PLOT! THEY'RE THE CHARITY SWINDLERS I'VE BEEN AFTER! THOSE "MAGIC" WIGS WERE PART OF A SCHEME TO ELIMINATE ME BEFORE I COULD EXPOSE THEM... BUT I WONDER WHICH ONE IS THEIR LEADER, THE MYSTERIOUS MASQUERADER?

ACCORDING TO MY X-RAY VISION, LOIS, THIS ONE IS WEARING A RUBBER MASK!
IT'S BOOTH BARRY, THE ACTOR WHO PLAYED ALEXANDER HAMILTON! AND I THOUGHT HE WAS DEAD! NO WONDER THEY CALL HIM THE MASQUERADER! AS A PROFESSIONAL ACTOR, HE'S A MASTER OF DISGUISE!

AND I RECOGNIZE THESE TWO, NOW! THEY PRETENDED TO BE POLICEMEN WHEN BARRY FIRST HOODWINKED ME WITH THAT MAGIC WIG STORY!
A VERY CLEVER SCHEME, GENTLEMEN! BUT I'M AFRAID YOU OUTSMARTED YOURSELVES!

OUTSIDE POLICE HEADQUARTERS, AFTER THE CRIMINALS HAVE BEEN TURNED OVER...
THANKS FOR YOUR HELP, SUPERGIRL! YOU SURE TRICKED THEM BY DISGUISING YOURSELF AS ME WHEN I LEFT THE WIG-SHOP! BUT I'M STILL WONDERING HOW YOU DISCOVERED I WAS THE VICTIM OF A CRIMINAL HOAX?
IT ALL BEGAN AS I WAS RETURNING FROM A MISSION IN THE FUTURE AND SPOTTED THE SMOKE POURING OUT OF THE METROPOLIS MUSEUM!


"FROM AN OPEN WINDOW, I SAW YOU EXAMINE THAT JOAN OF ARC WIG."
THAT WIG MUST HAVE BEEN KEPT FROM BURNING BECAUSE OF THE SPELL THAT WIG-MAKER PUT ON IT MANY YEARS AGO!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT SPELL LOIS IS TALKING ABOUT, BUT MY MICROSCOPIC VISION SHOWS THAT WIG WAS MADE IN THE PAST FEW YEARS OUT OF A MODERN, NON-INFLAMABLE FIBRE!
ONCE YOU TOLD ME ABOUT THOSE "MAGIC" WIGS I SUSPECTED YOU WERE BEING FRAMED. SO I THOUGHT IT ONLY APPROPRIATE FOR THE REAL SUPERGIRL TO TRAP THE MASQUERADER... WELL, SO LONG FOR NOW, LOIS!
THANKS AGAIN, SUPERGIRL! YOU WERE PRETTY GOOD AT MASQUERADING, TOO!

LATER, IN A SECLUDED ALLEY, AS SUPER-GIRL CHANGES TO HER SECRET IDENTITY...
THE MASQUERADER AND HIS GANG REALLY HAD THINGS MIXED UP! THEY DIDN'T REALIZE THAT MY REAL HAIR IS BLONDE, AND THAT THE ONLY WIG I HAVE IS THE ONE I WEAR IN MY SECRET IDENTITY AS LINDA LEE DANVERS!
AND LATER THAT DAY, AS LOIS VISITS A BEAUTY PARLOR...
HOW ABOUT TRYING ONE OF THESE NEW HAIRPIECES, MISS LANE? THEY'RE THE LATEST FASHION, YOU KNOW!
PUH-LEEZE, MARCEL! IF I NEVER SEE ANOTHER WIG, IT'LL BE TOO SOON!
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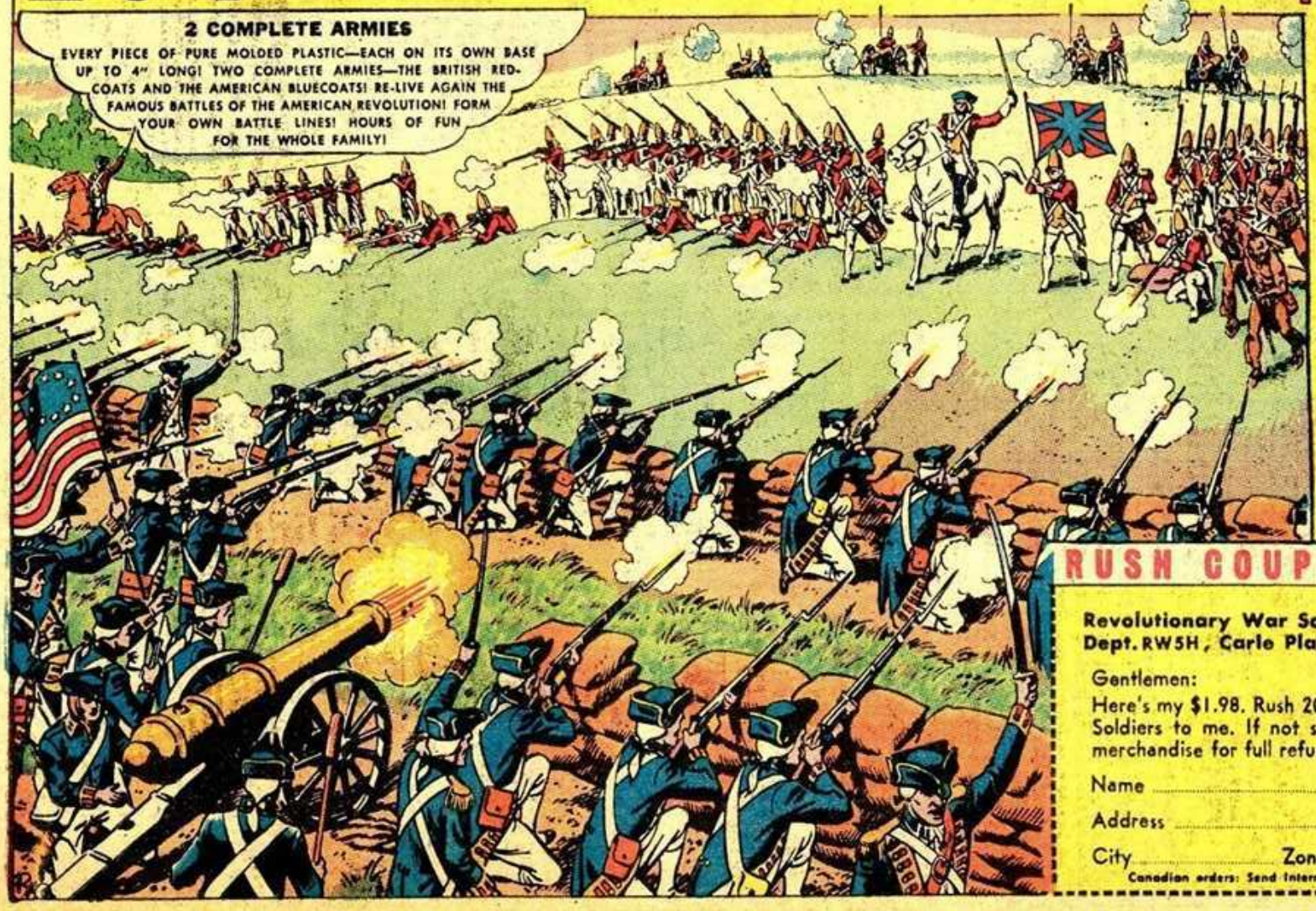

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